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Dear Dr. Sundlof,

Recently, we learned that late last year, the European Union voted to ban four growth-promoting antibiotics that are used in factory farming. If it is true that there is increasing evidence that bacteria in animals become resistant to antibiotics and that these bacteria can infect humans through meat, milk and eggs—why has the U.S. not followed suit and banned the use of antibiotics as growth promoters in farm animals?
(This letter comes after learning Health Canada banned its Bovine Growth Hormone after finding problems among the dairy herd.)

Please ban the use of these growth promoters!

We also ask that you ban the forced molting of laying hens—for any animal to have food withheld for days so that animal will produce more products for human convenience is inhumane to say the least. Is it true that this practice of forced molting increases the occurrence of Salmonella enteritidis, a foodborne pathogen causing human illness?

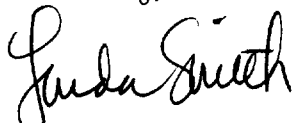
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Our signatures demonstrate that we, as consumers, have not had many choices regarding how our food is processed—but **we do care!** Many people share concerns about the production of food in this country and the manner in which livestock is treated!

We care about foods and products that pose a cancer risk. Drug abuse is looked down upon in our society for humans—yet drug abuse runs rampant in the animal industry!

You can help set high standards and bring back the use of **common sense!**

Sincerely,



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